(d) A Letter of Intent for procurement of 28 WLRs and development of one prototype WLR by April, 2004 was placed on M/s. Bharat Electronics Ltd. in January, 2003.

Investment on infrastructural facilities by HAL

1049. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HAL is planning to invest about Rs. 900 crores in the next 2-3 years to set up machinery and other infrastructural facilities of Sukhoi-30, MKI, LCA and International Jet Trainer Projects;

(b) if so, the break-up of investment on different projects mentioned above; and

(c) when the Sukhoi-30 will roll out and is going to be inducted into the Indian Air Force?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Capital investment of Rs. 762.70 crore (at 2002 level) on SU-30 MKI Project and Rs. 120.64 crore (at 2002 level) on Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Project for setting up of plant and machinery, civil works and other facilities for these projects is planned by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). Proposal for productionising Intermediate Jet Trainer (IJT) at HAL is under progress.

(c) The production of SU-30 MKI aircraft in India is planned to commence during 2004-2005.

Immortalising brave martyrs

†1050. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no mention to brave martyrs, who laid their lives in the past wars, in any of war memorials in India while British Government have engraved the names of those Indian soldiers, who were killed during the Second World War, on the memorial established in London two years back in the memory of those soldiers;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.